



SENATOR Wayne Kuipers

Senior Update

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Dear Friend,

It is a pleasure to represent you in the Michigan Senate. As your link to state government, I want to share some important information on issues and services that may affect you and your family.

Every year, new challenges face Michigan seniors and their families. Michigan has made progress; however, there is still much work that needs to be done.

I believe my role at the State Capitol is to ensure that your voice is heard. Please help me make Michigan a better place to live by sharing your thoughts and concerns with me. I look forward to hearing from you or seeing you in the district soon.

Sincerely,

Wayne Kuipers

Kuipers' Legislation Could Help Reduce Drug Costs

Senator Kuipers recently introduced a bill, SB 1284 that would give consumers another way to help reduce their drug costs. This proposed legislation would allow Michigan consumers to receive direct rebates or discounts from drug manufacturers or distributors. An attorney general's opinion in October said such rebates or discounts can be seen as illegal kickbacks. The attorney general advised lawmakers to change and clarify the laws governing such rebates. Michigan is

believed to be the only state that makes direct drug-manufacturer rebates and discounts illegal. Senator Kuipers started looking into the issue after a constituent was denied a \$10 rebate from a pharmaceutical company. The company said its offer was void in Michigan because of the kickback provisions of state law.

Save the Date!



Mark your calendars and join us for the OTTAWA COUNTY SENIOR DAY

Hosted By
Rep. BARB VANDER VEEN • Rep. DAVID FARHAT • Rep. BILL HUIZENGA
Rep. WILLIAM VAN REGENMORTER • Sen. WAYNE KUIPERS
in partnership with
**NORTH OTTAWA COUNTY COUNCIL ON AGING &
SENIOR CIRCLE OF NORTH OTTAWA COMMUNITY HOSPITAL**

**Friday, October 8, 2004
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

Resurrection Life Church • 12900 US Highway 31 • Grand Haven, MI

Directions from the North: Take US Highway 31 South. Go down past Lincoln Rd. and turn around so you are headed North. The church is on the right side of the road, on the corner of Lincoln and US Highway 31.

Directions from the South: Take US Highway 31 North. The church is located on the corner of Lincoln and US Highway 31 North.

Come and enjoy exhibits of Community Service Providers and Health Care Professionals. Free health screenings for blood pressure/glucose, pulmonary, glaucoma and hearing. Rotate between informative break out sessions featuring keynote speakers discussing important topics that concern seniors. Free goodie bag for the first 400 attendants. Refreshments also provided. Play bingo and other carnival games to win great prizes and have lots of fun! **There is no cost to you!!**

For more information contact: Stacey Small, House Republican Special Events Consultant
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Senator Kuipers meets with seniors in the district.



Senator Kuipers Invites Public to Office Hours

Senator Kuipers has scheduled weekly office hours in the district so that residents may have the opportunity to meet with him and share their concerns or thoughts regarding state government. The times and locations for weekly office hours will remain the same from month to month according to the following schedule:

First Monday

11 a.m. - Noon
J.P.'s Coffee and Espresso Bar
57 East 8th St.
Holland, MI 49423

3 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Cafe Ala Mode
26 East Division Street
Sparta, MI 49345

Spanish Speaking Office Hours

(an interpreter will be present)

6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
St. Francis De Sales Catholic Church
195 W. Thirteenth Street
Holland, MI 49423

Will meet only on
7/12/04 and 11/1/04

Second Monday

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Rainbow Grill
4158 Chicago Dr. SW
Grandville, MI 49418

11 a.m. - Noon
Georgetown Charter Township Hall
1515 Baldwin
Jenison, MI 49429

3 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Northeast Ottawa District Library
198 East St.
Coopersville, MI 49404

Third Friday

9 a.m. - 10 a.m.
Coffee Grounds Coffee House
41 Washington St.
Grand Haven, MI 49417

Clip & Mail

Publications Available:

As a service, my office maintains a collection of useful publications that may be of interest to you. Requests for quantities of five or less will be mailed to you by filling out the following form:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Peace of Mind | <input type="checkbox"/> Services for Seniors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Consumer Protection Resource Guide | <input type="checkbox"/> State of Michigan Road Map |

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